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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Evelyn Griffiths

"OPEN WONDERFUL NEW WORLDS" by attending the meeting of the Arkansas Library Association, October 2, 3 and 4, Hotel Marion, Little Rock. This convention will be the highlight of our Association year. The program committee has obtained outstanding speakers and planned interesting activities.

The program features Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, president of the American Library Association and coordinator of Children's Service for the New York Public Library, Mrs. Florrinell Morton, president-elect of the American Library Association and vice president of the Southwestern Library Association, Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, library extension specialist, Library Services Branch, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and Alfred N. Brandon, librarian, Medical Center Library, University of Kentucky.

Immediately preceding the annual meeting, September 30 and October 1, Miss Evelyn Day Mullen will be with

the county and regional head librarians for a two day workshop. This pre-conference workshop will be directed by the Commission staff, but is a commendable addition to our Association program.

The annual meeting is only one of the many rewards of membership in the Association. The activities since last October have been varied. Book fairs, attendance at the mid-winter meeting of ALA, celebration of National Library Week, a trustees workshop, organization for study of school libraries, and a tour to the CLA-ALA meeting in Montreal—all of these have been on the year's agenda.

Two awards were granted for library projects in Arkansas during the year. The Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award supplementary grant was presented to the Scott-Sebastian Regional Library, Greenwood. Arkansas was chosen as a pilot state by the Standards Committee of the American Association of School Libraries. This selection was based on the plan presented by the Implementation Committee of Arkansas.

This has truly been a great year. Let us meet at the Hotel Marion, October 2, 3, and 4 to be inspired to attempt a still greater year in 1961. Instead of a climax this meeting will be a beginning.

On October 26-29 the Southwestern Library Association will convene in Tucson. We hope Arkansas will be well represented. During the Arkansas Education Association, November 3 and 4, Miss Elenora Alexander, director, Library Services for Houston Public Schools, will come to Arkansas as speaker for the School Library Section meeting. This is a part of our participation in the pilot state program. Arkansas school libraries are going to be the topic for discussion in several meetings this coming year, as we attempt to acquaint our state with the new standards for school libraries.

Let us look ahead and plan for 1961.

ARKANSAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 1960

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Monticello
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Miss Mildred James, Arkansas State Teachers College Library, Conway
Miss Blanche Miller, Veterans' Hospital Medical Library, Little Rock
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Miss Eula McDougal, Mississippi-Crittenden Regional Library, Osceola
Tom Robinson, Trustee, Jonesboro Public Library

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Mrs. W. H. McCain, Trustee, Arkansas Library Commission, Little Rock
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Miss Annie May Alston, Harding College Library, Searcy

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Miss Marcella Grider, Instructor, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Mrs. Hazel Deal, Washington County Library, Fayetteville

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Mrs. Ruth Cunningham, North Arkansas Regional Library, Harrison

AUDITING

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Mrs. Kathryn Eldridge, Bentonville High School Library, Bentonville

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Mrs. Inez Bishop, White County Library, Searcy

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Mrs. Terry Griffith, White River Regional Library, Batesville

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Miss Florene Jordan, Columbia-Lafayette Regional Library, Magnolia

Miss Lucille Slater, Barton Public Library, El Dorado

Miss Jackie Poe, Arkansas Library Commission, Little Rock

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 1960

Chairman—Marshall Steele, President, Hendrix College, Conway

Executive Director—Mrs. Dula Reid, Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library, Conway

Assistant Director—Miss Frances Nix, Hall High School Library, Little Rock

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK 1961

Chairman—Paul McCain, President, Arkansas College, Batesville

Executive Director—Mrs. Terry Griffith, White River Regional Library, Batesville

Assistant Director—Miss Mary Sue Shepherd, Pulaski County Library, Little Rock

ARKANSAS LIBRARY ASSOCIATION THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

HOTEL MARION, LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS

October 2 - 4, 1960

Program theme: OPEN WONDERFUL NEW WORLDS

Sunday, October 2, 1960

- 2:00 P.M.—Executive Board Meeting, Parlor A, Hotel Marion
- 3:00 P.M.—Registration, Lobby, Hotel Marion
- 4:30 P.M.—Tour, Museum of Natural History, MacArthur Park
- 6:15 P.M.—Tour Dinner, Sculpture Court, Hotel Sam Peck

Monday, October 3, 1960

- 8:00 A.M.—Registration, Lobby
- 8:30 A.M.—Coffee with the Exhibitors, Exhibit Hall
- 9:30 A.M.—First General Session, Ball Room, Public Libraries Division
CHALLENGE: 1960 by Miss Evelyn Day Mullen, Library Extension Specialist, Library Services Branch, Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
- 11:00 A.M.—Business sessions for Trustee and Public Library Divisions

VISIT THE EXHIBITS

- 12:30 P.M.—Luncheon, Trustee Division in charge
Program—Trustee Panel: — Tom Robinson, chairman, Trustee Section, leader
- 2:30 P.M.—Second General Session, Special Libraries Division in charge
THE HERETICAL LIBRARIAN, by Alfred N. Brandon, Medical Center Library, University of Kentucky
- 4:00 P.M.—Business session for Special Libraries Division and School Libraries Division
- 4:00 P.M.—Film showings

VISIT THE EXHIBITS

- RECRUITMENT, a Challenge for all, by Mrs. Florrinell F. Morton, Films on arrangements and activities of libraries will be shown on Monday afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M.
- 8:00 P.M.—Third General Session, Ball Room
OPEN WONDERFUL NEW WORLDS by Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, President, American Library Association
- 9:30 P.M.—Reception

Tuesday, October 4, 1960

- 8:00 A.M.—Registration, Lobby
- 8:30 A.M.—Recruitment Breakfast, College Division in charge
Director Library School, Louisiana State University
- 9:00 A.M.—Business Session for College Libraries Division

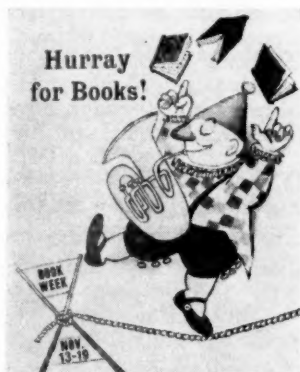
VISIT THE EXHIBITS

- 9:30 A.M.—Fourth General Session, School Libraries Division in charge
READING GUIDANCE by Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, Coordinator of Children's Services, New York Public Library
- 11:00 A.M.—Arkansas Library Association Annual Business Meeting
- 12:00 Noon—Adjournment

NOTE—Some divisions and groups are planning to have dinner together on Monday preceding the evening program. Further information will be available on the pre-registration blanks.

SEVENTH ARKANSAS BOOK FAIR

The Seventh Arkansas Book Fair will be held in Little Rock in cooperation with the Festival of Arts the first week in May, 1961. This is a



new idea for the book fair, but is a welcomed suggestion since books are excellent examples of creative art.

The schedule for displaying the books will be reversed this year. When the books arrive from the Children's Book Council in September, they will be divided into categories and started as a traveling fair the first week in November. As a climax, the traveling collection will then be returned for the Little Rock Book Fair, April 30 through May 6, 1961.

Anyone planning to display the books should write the Arkansas Library Commission to confirm dates for a showing. Public librarians, school teachers, or community leaders may plan cooperatively to use the books in a local fair or festival.

Bookstore friends in Little Rock will again give two thousand copies of the printed list for distribution at the Little Rock Fair. Allsopp and Chapple, Baptist Bookstore, Gus Blass Company, and Pfeifers Book Department always assume the cost of these

copies for the Little Rock Book Fair. Additional copies can be secured at a rate of fifteen cents per copy for use in displays over the state. Please write the Arkansas Library Commission by October 15, if copies of the list are desired for local showings. The cover on the program will read, "Seventh Arkansas Book Fair, October, 1960 - May, 1961." This makes the list usable for any fair, in any locality, on any date during the year.

The Children's Book Council has announced the dates, November 13-19 as Children's Book Week and the theme, "Hurray for Books!" Many colorful, attractive aids are available from the Children's Book Council, including a new 1960 poster designed by Maurice Sendak, streamers, a mobile unit, bookmarks, and seals. A sample kit of these materials is available for \$1.00 or any of the materials may be purchased in quantity.

Of special interest to parents is a new book called **Let's Read Together: Book for Family Enjoyment**. It was compiled by a special committee of the American Library Association and the National Congress of Parents and Teachers and is available for \$1.50 from the American Library Association.

Call attention to good books in your community by celebrating Book Week and by having a Book Fair in your area so that you can say—as Elizabeth Coatsworth has said:

"HURRAY FOR BOOKS!
You can look at a book
And better still, read it.
A book is a friend
When you happen to need it.
And when you are through
You can still think about it—
So, 'Hurray for Books!'
Don't say it, but shout it."

VACATION READING

By Jackie Poe*

Most of the schools in Arkansas closed for the summer vacation as usual last May, and as usual teachers and students were happy. But the schools which did not close had even happier students and teachers because the library would be open all summer to provide many hours of good reading.

During the 1959-60 school year, the Arkansas Library Commission supplemented the library collections in the schools of the fifteen counties which had no county-wide library service, and sent additional books to the schools which remained open for summer reading. For example: A small rural school near Bentonville received 65 books; Genoa School in Miller County asked for 275 books; the Holly Grove School needed 250 books; the Des Arc Consolidated Schools wanted 300 books; the Carlisle Schools took 400 books; and the Bryant School borrowed 750 books.

Of the total number of books sent to these schools, 637 titles were for adults, since the school collections were not adequate for adult service and everyone had been encouraged to use library facilities at the school during the summer. Ordinarily the libraries have been kept open one or two days a week by the school librarian.

Small public libraries, churches, stores, home demonstration clubs, and private homes requested forty-two loans totaling 12,020 books. The person in charge of circulating these books received no pay; in each case this person donated time and in addition paid postage for returning the books to the Arkansas Library Commission in order that friends and neighbors might have good books for summer reading.

Many people who have kept sum-

mer loans have found that a story hour was a good way to introduce little children to books. Miss Ruth Gwin of Piggott stated in a letter to the Arkansas Library Commission that "The story hour for children under eight years of age has been very successful. Teenage boys and girls have been in charge of the story hour. Last week we had CHRISTMAS IN JULY with a tree and all the decorations. Next week the boys are having a magic show."

A summer reading program and story hour for children and young people of Stuttgart was sponsored by the Stuttgart Public Library Board and the Junior Woman's Club at the Stuttgart Public Library.

Chairman for Junior Woman's Club on the project was Mrs. Paul Millar. Others assisting are Mrs. Jim Bisbee, Mrs. John Simpson, Mrs. George Seay, Mrs. Leavell Smith, Miss Margaret Jean Ellis, Miss Meredith John, and Mrs. Buddy Sowora.

There was an average attendance of 40 children at the six weekly story hours. Additional books were borrowed from the Arkansas Library Commission. At the story hour volunteers told stories while pictures were shown on a large screen. Two musical programs were given. A party with refreshments closed the summer series, July 27. The program was designed to provide fun, stimulate interest in good books, and introduce the children to the library.

Each year the people in communities without library service have requested more books from the Arkansas Library Commission than they requested the year before. This past year, in addition to the large collections of books which went out for a three-month loan period, 21,685 books in small collections of from one

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to twenty titles were sent to public libraries for one month loans. Another 12,561 books were requested by individuals for one month loan periods.

The summer circulation of books has been very good this year. The people who love to read went to a great deal of trouble to get books for themselves and their neighbors. They all reported that the enjoyment of reading the books made it well worth the effort of borrowing them.

Pulaski County Library Project

Branches of the Pulaski County Library were set up in Sylvan Hills Senior High School and Cloverdale Junior High for summer reading for the children in these areas.

These branch libraries were established in co-operation with the Special School District and the PTA in the local schools and began operation in June. The libraries in these two schools made books available to children in each area, with additional reading materials being provided by the county library.

Materials available ranged from storybooks on the pre-school level to some of the more complex reading enjoyed by adults.

Opening these school libraries during the summer was an experimental project according to Miss Mary Sue Shepherd, county librarian.

In addition to the regular routine of just checking out books to read at home, the group of smaller children came every Wednesday morning at 10 for a story hour.

The County Library Board provides for a librarian for these two libraries. The Pulaski County Special School District group matched the money paid the librarians, who in the wintertime serve as librarians in these particular schools. Besides the librarians who were on duty at all times, children, parents and teachers gave voluntary assistance to the program.

Miss Eunice Shinn was librarian in the Sylvan Hills branch and Mrs. Marie Streett was at Cloverdale.

IT'S FUN TO BE A WINNER

By Wilma Ingram*

What does it mean to be given \$1,000.00 to spend for books? It means that those books we want, but feel we cannot buy with our limited book budget, can now be purchased. It means that the book collection can be strengthened in certain classifications, for instance, the social sciences and the pure and applied sciences.

It would be fun to go on a spending spree and spend the whole thousand in one big orgy. One paragraph in the "Statement of Interest" that was sent to the Award Committee of the Book-of-the-Month Club has served as a brake on this impulse.

The paragraph reads: "Therefore, the outstanding reason we have for our library being eligible for this award is based on need — the need for an adequate book budget and the need of our people for the information and inspiration found in books."

We are so inclined to buy books that are in great demand, fiction and the lighter non-fiction, that we hesitate to spend very much of a small book allowance on the informational and reference materials for a balanced collection. However, if we are to encourage the use of books and library materials in the daily life

* Miss Wilma Ingram is librarian, Scott-Sebastian Regional Library, Greenwood, Arkansas, which won a \$1,000 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award presented by the Book-of-the-Month Club on April 3.



Standing left to right, Miss Wilma Ingram, librarian; Mrs. Margie Amos, Mrs. Evelyn Wolverton, rural library assistants.
Seated, Mrs. Louise Angeletti, library clerk.

of our people, then our collections must have more than light reading. We know that many books can be read for inspiration and information, as well as recreation; but we also need books for the occasional prober, the inquiring mind, the potential scientist.

It is not difficult to buy books for the daily or weekly visitor to the library, but it is the occasional reader who offers a challenge to the librarian. That is what it means to have \$1,000.00 to spend for books. **A CHALLENGE!**

ARKANSAS NEEDS LIBRARIANS

By Anne Jackson*

There is an acute shortage of professional librarians in Arkansas. This condition is of deep concern to the Arkansas Library Association, the Arkansas Library Commission and all educational agencies of the state.

Early this summer plans were made to permit the high school and public library consultant of the Arkansas Library Commission to visit library science classes in the state colleges and at the University of Arkansas.

* Mrs. Jackson is consultant for public and high school libraries, Arkansas Library Commission.

during the months of June and July. The objectives of the visitation program were: to give information about librarianship to college students; to encourage those in the profession to better prepare themselves for service, and to talk with students who were interested in librarianship as a career.

This writer was invited by the librarians of these institutions to speak to the students enrolled in classes in their respective schools. The schools and librarians visited include: Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, Miss Mildred James and Miss Gladys Sachse, librarians; Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Mrs. Juanita Barnett and Mrs. Lillian Yeoman, librarians; Arkansas A. and M. College, Monticello, Miss Florence Carmichael, librarian; Southern State College, Magnolia, Miss Velma Lee Adams and Miss Syble Tatom, librarians; and Arkansas A. M. & N. College, Pine Bluff, Mrs. J. Palmer Howard, librarian. Several private conferences were held with students who manifested an interest in graduate study in librarianship. Materials were left with guidance counselors to be made available to college students who express an interest in the profession.

Excerpts from talks by the writer to groups visited are given below:

There is a desperate shortage of trained personnel to staff the rapidly increasing number of libraries both in Arkansas and in the nation. No matter in which field of knowledge a student's major interest may lie, chances are it may be related to the library profession in the many new service areas existing in libraries.

Most of us know that with rapidly expanding services librarianship is still a pioneer field offering tremendous opportunities and a real challenge to young men and women of today. Preparation for this profession is of necessity a long, thorough course of study. The institutions of higher learning in our state do not

offer graduate courses in library science. However, the colleges and the University of Arkansas do offer courses on the undergraduate level that satisfy the requirements of the Department of Education and the minimum standards of the North Central Association for school librarians. These undergraduate courses also serve to prepare the student for entrance to any one of the graduate schools of library science in the United States. Of the thirty-two library schools accredited by the American Library Association, several are located in our neighboring states of Louisiana, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas.

While a student is doing his undergraduate work he will find other courses devoted to studies in many fields essential to the wide and diversified background needed by the librarian. The undergraduate program consists of such courses as school library organization and administration, survey courses in librarianship, book selection, reference, techniques and cataloging. Related courses which carry no library science credit are in the field of children's literature and audio-visual materials. In addition, students are encouraged to devote their time to study of the humanities, social sciences, pure science and/or other subject areas.

Students may train for work in the four major types of libraries—public, school, college and university, and special libraries. The student who likes books and people and who desires to make a pertinent contribution to the educational field may (after completing undergraduate requirements) receive his master's degree in library science with the addition of thirty-six hours in library science in the fifth year.

Thousands of young people are graduating from high school each year and thinking about careers. Few consider librarianship — one of the most colorful and challenging pro-

fessions open to both men and women.

More than twelve thousand unfilled library positions now exist on the national level. Our own state has its quota of vacancies. During the next few years there will be even more vacancies, opportunities for those who are able to meet the requirements in this field. The trend toward centralized elementary school libraries in Arkansas will naturally create a demand for librarians who specialize in this field. Public libraries need children's librarians, county, regional and extension personnel, adult education specialists, bookmobile librarians, young people's workers, reference librarians, technical processes librarians, and reader's advisors or counselors. Special librarians find positions in hospitals, large corporations, insurance agencies, medical libraries; with newspapers, television and radio stations; as archivists, coordinators of communications material, public relations experts, audiovisual specialists and specialists in other fields. Colleges and universities need personnel in administrative positions, and as circulation, reference and special subject field librarians. To fill these positions they need librarians who have a college degree with a broad cultural knowledge of literature, history, physical and social sciences, and specialization in at least one field. The ability to read one foreign language will be helpful; and in some positions this is essential. The library science degree is a minimum requirement for anyone who wishes to be a professional librarian.

We feel that guidance counselors in our high schools and colleges will be able to assist with library recruitment. There are several reasons why more young men and women are not entering the profession. To begin with, we have not made available to them the information concerning unlimited opportunities in this field, qualifications expected and professional salary scale. But

many young men and women do not want to spend five years in preparation for a career. However, they must realize that preparation is essential and that the time element is not too long when compared with that of other professions. Still another reason may be that they have not had contact with librarians who enjoy their work. The guidance counselor is in a position to give information needed to clear up misconceptions of the profession and to point out advantages to the suitable young adults. We are aware that counselors do not try to sell any one profession, but the fact remains that many young people decide upon their careers while in high school and the early college years. Therefore, we would ask that librarianship be recommended to young people who have the necessary qualifications.

You who are school librarians may assist in the recruitment program in our state by presenting a true professional picture to the boys and girls with whom you work. Select students who are good material for librarianship and encourage them to consider the profession. Then make it possible for them to have the information needed.

This information may be secured by means of:

1. Work with guidance counselors
2. Career days in high schools and colleges
3. School newspapers
4. Printed materials distributed by counselors, librarians and English teachers
5. Exhibits in school libraries
6. Newsletters and fact sheets to high school seniors
7. Data distributed to student organizations
8. Work with state library consultants

Information concerning the need for librarians may be given also to service clubs and professional groups

Some of the groups that welcome professional library career information are:

1. Parent Teacher Associations
2. Special libraries associations
3. Women's clubs, State Federations and local groups
4. American Association of University Women
5. Business and Professional Women's Clubs
6. Lions, Quota, Rotary, Kiwanis and other organizations of similar nature

Effective publicity may be channeled through:

1. News releases
2. Feature stories to local and state papers
3. Spot announcements on radio, television
4. Interviews on television and radio programs
5. Speakers bureaus of trained persons well equipped with enthusiasm and material

Scholarships and fellowships are sometimes available to students. Those desiring information should write to the college or university of their choice.

Here are some questions involved in an earnest consideration of a professional library career:

I. What may the librarian expect from the profession?

1. Opportunity to choose place and type of service
2. Opportunity to continue study in subject field
3. Better than average "white collar" salary in most communities

4. Plenty of community activity and participation
5. Opportunity to become acquainted with students, adults, materials and other resources
6. A lifetime of rewarding and satisfying work

II. What does the profession expect from the librarian?

1. Willingness to give service through the library
2. Willingness to share time knowledge and self with the community
3. Professional qualifications — Academic and personal "traits that rate"
4. Interest in the past, present and future, plus an understanding of the problems of readers with whom he works

The dedicated librarian will find in his career a life of satisfaction, and self enrichment.

Any community is as good as its library. A standard of excellence in quality education for all ages cannot be attained without the services of a well stocked library administered by a professionally qualified librarian. After a standard has been reached it can be maintained only if the proper staff of qualified librarians is available.

The Arkansas Library Commission has available for distribution the information pertaining to librarianship as a career. Young adults who are interested in this field are invited to visit the Commission offices, inquire about existing opportunities and interview staff members.



ARKANSAS — A PILOT STATE

By Freddy Schader*

At the joint ALA-CLA Conference in Montreal, Arkansas, was selected at a Pilot Project State of Implementation of School Library Standards for the school year 1960-61. Applications to become Pilot Project states were received from seventeen states, but only six were approved for pilot programs with the possibility of two others receiving partial help. The six states approved, in order of priority, were: District of Columbia, West Virginia, Florida, Arkansas, Ohio, and South Dakota, with some probable aid for Idaho, and California.

In the school year '59-60, the American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association, initiated the Pilot Project Plan to assist school librarians, educators, and citizens in beginning implementation of the new school library standards. Arkansas librarians preferred to wait until the standards were actually published (March, 1960) before presenting any implementation plan.

In the meantime, the ten member State Implementation Committee, with Miss Freddy Schader as chairman and Miss Kathleen Sharp as co-chairman (representing elementary and high school levels) began work on a state implementation plan. A.W. Ford, Commissioner of Education, manifested his interest in improving school libraries all over Arkansas by appointing a School Library Advisory Committee composed of ten librarians, ten administrators, and ten lay people.

On April 27, 1960, the committees met together at the Education Building in Little Rock to study and discuss the new school library standards in the light of recommendations for book collections, expenditures for

books, library staff, and physical arrangement and equipment of library rooms. Following this meeting Arkansas' plan was sent to the chairman of the Pilot Project Committee of the American Association of School Librarians for consideration in the school year 1960-61. The main points in the Arkansas plan were:

1. To acquaint as many people as possible with the new school library standards by explaining and interpreting the standards at educational and civic group meetings.
2. To improve all school library programs in Arkansas by using the new school library standards as long term goals.
3. To include a room for the library in plans for all new elementary schools.
4. To get the library financed in the school budget rather than by gifts from the P.T.A., the school carnival, or similar projects.

To this plan was attached a calendar of meeting dates when library standards would be presented (such as the ASCD Institute held on the campus of Southern State College in Magnolia, July 18-20).

When a state is selected for a Pilot Project, the American Association of School Librarians sends a consultant familiar with the new school library standards to a statewide meeting. Arkansas' speaker, just selected by the AASL, is to be Miss Elenora Alexander, director, Library Services for Public Schools in Houston, Texas. Miss Alexander is exceedingly well qualified as a speaker on the new standards since she is immediate past president of the American Association

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of School Librarians, and served as guest editor of the February 1960 ALA BULLETIN devoted entirely to the new school library standards.

At 10:00 a.m. Thursday, November 3, in connection with the Arkansas Education Association Meeting, Miss Alexander will address a joint meeting of school librarians, school administrators, elementary school principals, and interested lay people at the Robinson Auditorium. She will be in Little Rock both days of the AEA meeting to evaluate Arkansas'

plan, to offer advice and assistance in planning a long range school library improvement program, and to render consultant service on school library problems. On Friday, she will meet with the library committees for a luncheon and a workshop.

All administrators, librarians, and citizens interested in improving school libraries in your area should plan to attend the meeting on Thursday, November 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the Robinson Auditorium. Mark your calendar now.

CLA-ALA CONFERENCE AND TOUR

By Kathleen Sharp¹

The purpose of the library tours is three-fold: professional, educational, and recreational. Those of us who attended the CLA-ALA Convention by chartered bus feel that the trip was successful on all three counts. We feel that we know more about geography, history, and culture, we know we had fun, and we believe that we are better librarians because of the experiences and opportunities of the trip.

Our trip to Canada was brightened by much gracious hospitality extended by the Pocahontas Library Board, New Method Book Bindery, Gaylord Brothers, and the Union Carbide and Carbon Company. We were impressed by the black Illinois soil, by the statue ("Yankee") in Indianapolis, by the lake in Cleveland, and by the peace of Lake Placid; but we can never forget the majesty of Niagara Falls both by daylight and by artificial light.

Montreal was wonderful! The people seemed so glad that we were meeting there; they went out of their way to offer help in finding meeting places, sightseeing places, and shopping centers. Many of us went wild for souvenirs and collected several mementos of Canada. All of us were

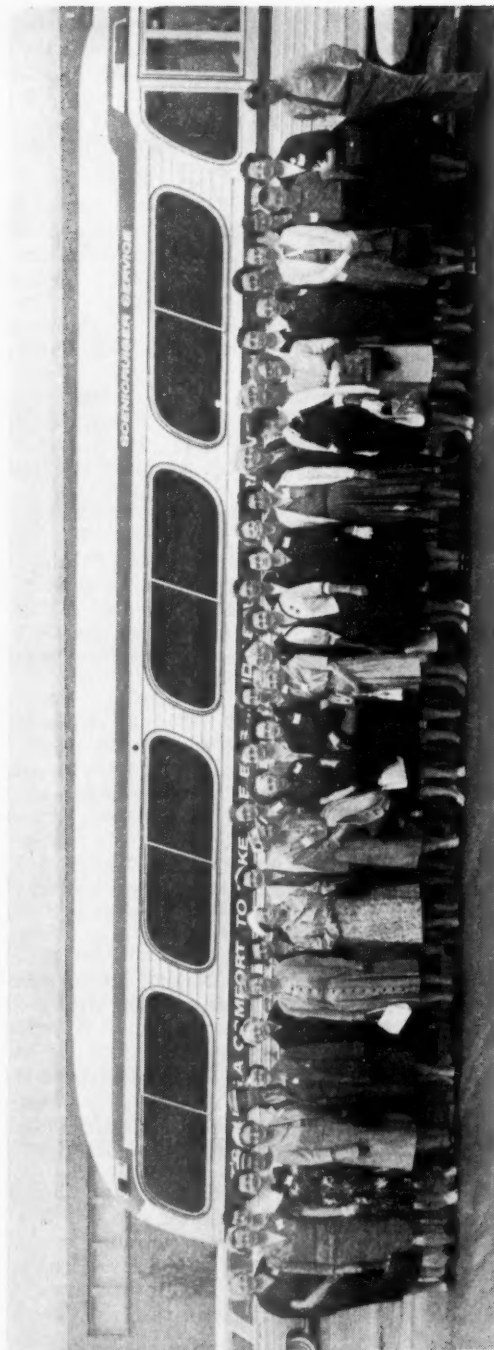
aware of the fact that we were in a French-speaking country. The theme of the conference was "Breaking Barriers", and in the opening session Dr. F. Cyril James, principal of McGill University, stressed the fact that we must pay greater attention to the study of languages.

The Awards banquet was something extra special, with toasts to the Queen and the President, Canadian Book Awards as well as the Newberry and Caldecott Awards, with French-Canadian folk music and dancing for entertainment and a French menu. However, we did miss hearing Mr. Melcher read "The King's Breakfast".

The second (and last, for us) general session was held at the McGill University Winter Stadium. Unfortunately, it was summer and the stadium was warm. We who stayed and listened were rewarded by hearing three penetrating addresses on "Breaking International Barriers".

"Lewis Perinbaum of the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO spoke of barriers to understanding between the West and the countries of Asia; Henry L. Roberts, director of the Russian Institute at Columbia

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ARKANSAS TRAVELERS DEPART FOR MONTREAL, JUNE 12, 1960

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT

Mrs. Ruth Cunningham, Mrs. Mayme Gosden, Mrs. Barton Lee, Mrs. W. A. Speer, Mrs. Inez Bishop, Mrs. Norma Edwards, Mrs. Bertie Shimek, Mrs. Lena Cannon, Miss Allie Wilson, Miss Thekla Decker, Miss Pauline Jordan, Miss Freddy Schader, Miss Gwendolyn Dean, Mrs. C. S. Sherman, Mrs. Evelyn Griffiths, Miss Frances Barnett, Miss Florene Jordan, Miss Jackie Poe, Jimmy Womack, Mrs. Karl Neal, B. W. Cummings, driver.

FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT

Mrs. Margaret Burkhead, Miss Elsie Weisenberger, Mrs. Belle Keith, Mrs. Dorothy Sydenstricker, Miss Mona Hall, Mrs. Morene D. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Meek, Miss Norah Martin, Miss Elizabeth Malone, Mrs. Alma Montague, Mrs. I. C. Oxner, Mrs. Arch Turner, Miss Kathleen Sharp, Mrs. Fletcher McElhannon, Mrs. F. S. Walters, Miss Lucille Slater, Mrs. Hazel Prichard, tour chairman.

Others attending from Arkansas were: Miss Mary Sue Shepherd who joined the tour in Montreal; Mrs. Merlin M. Moore, Mrs. Terry Griffith, Mrs. Dula Reid, and Tom Robinson.

University, of the barriers between East European countries and the West; and Harold Taylor, formerly president of Sarah Lawrence College, of the barriers within North American countries."

The above paragraph quoted from the ALA BULLETIN's resume of "Highlights of the Montreal Conference" (July-August 1960 issue) is an example of its careful analysis of conference meetings and happenings throughout the year, with emphasis on salient points which are of concern to librarians as professional public servants and as people. We should be interested enough in doing a good job that we will support the American Library Association and read the ALA BULLETIN.

The sectional meetings were too numerous to discuss in detail. The school division's meetings were excellent, as I know personally; and others told me that their meetings were just as good. The parties and receptions gave us a chance to become better acquainted with authors, jobbers and publishers. The exhibits — especially the Combined Book Exhibit — allowed us to examine books and other materials first hand and to pick up ideas that we can use at home. The extras (tours, plays, visits, etc.) taught us something of the geography and cultural background of Montreal and of French Canada, by extension. In fact, we saw everything we could have wished for in Montreal — with one notable exception! Not a single mountie was in sight! Mais c'est la vie, n'est ce pas?

The sight of the Royal Guard at the Citadel in Quebec in a way compensated for our failure to see the mountie. Here we found even more of a French atmosphere than in Montreal; — we were presented with our first restaurant check written in French. After having climbed to the Citadel from the boardwalk along the St. Lawrence, I have much respect for General Wolfe and his men. They

accomplished the same feat at night without benefit of stairs. Our hotel, the Chateau Frontenac, looked like a castle; we left this lavish existence with reluctance, but we had much yet to see and do.

At Portland, Maine, we rode a commuters' boat from island to island and ate lobster at Theodore's. In Boston we boned up on American history (Paul Revere's home, Longfellow's home, the Wayside Inn, Old North Church, the route of Revere's famous ride) and were entertained by the staff of Boston Public Library. At Plymouth we saw the "Rock" and the replica of the **Mayflower**. At New Haven we toured Yale University Library.

In New York we went to shows, tried to see everything in one day (quite impossible!) and were entertained by Grolier's with a tour of their plant, a subway ride, and lunch at Luchows.

In Pennsylvania we watched the beautiful countryside and kept a lookout for the decorative anti-hex signs on the barns. The staff of the Allentown Library were our hosts for coffee and Moravian coffee-cake. We topped this off with "shoo-fly" pie at the Dutch Pantry where we had lunch.

At Winchester, Virginia, we saw George Washington's office that he used during the French and Indian War. That night we were under the same roof with Dr. Barbara Moore, the cross-country hiker. At Clarksburg and at Huntington, West Virginia, we were the guests of the library staffs for an informal tour of their respective libraries.

At Nashville many of us were beginning to feel at home; some of us attended the "Grand Old Opry". The next morning we went by Peabody and Vanderbilt campuses, around the Parthenon and on to Memphis. In no time at all it was all over except for lovely memories.

To the people who made plans for

the trip and carried them out—Hazel Prichard, Florene Jordan, Lucile Slater, and Jackie Poe — a great big

"merci beaucoup" for a "tres, tres bon voyage".

"MR. SAM" AND HIS LIBRARY

By Anne Jackson*

A by-product of professional travel in Texas this summer by Mrs. Almon Faught and myself included a profitable trip to the Sam Rayburn Library at Bonham, Texas, and a pleasant visit with Mr. Rayburn who was spending a short holiday at his Bonham home before returning to Washington.

The Sam Rayburn library, set in spacious grounds, is — in the words of the architect Roscoe De Witt — "built to last." White Georgian marble and copper were used extensively in the construction; windows are set in aluminum and bronze, and the interior is of red antique marble and hardwoods.

Mr. Rayburn's office in the library building is a replica of the Speaker's office in the National Capitol. The desk and other furniture was bought by Rayburn when new furniture was obtained for the Speaker's room in Washington. On the wall is a replica of the painting done by Douglas Chander. The mantel had been in the House for about ninety-two years before the remodeling of the building in 1950-51. The crystal chandelier had hung in the White House around 100 years and was moved to the Speaker's office about fifty years ago. The ceiling designs have been duplicated by the well known Washington artist-decorator Joseph Giacalone in water colors and gold leaf.

Art treasures from many parts of the world have been placed here; paintings by American artists grace the walls. The bronze bust of Mr. Rayburn near the entrance of the building is the work of the noted sculptor de Weldon.

The building houses one of the most complete collections of the transactions of the United States Congress. The materials include the earliest records of the Continental Congress in 1774. These journals cover the period through the Revolutionary War, followed by the Annals of Congress, the Congressional Debates and the Congressional Globe which covers the years 1833 through 1873. A complete set of the Congressional Record from 1873 has been added to the collection. Mr. Rayburn's personal papers and many volumes of history are here made available to scholars, researchers and private citizens.

Mr. Rayburn's personal interest in history and his belief in the importance to all Americans of the knowledge of U. S. history and political science are well known. His library is an excellent example of specialized collections in the Southwest. Its scope includes U. S. history, biography, Congressional documents and the history of the Southwest. For a long time Mr. Rayburn has cherished the hope of establishing within his district a library where "people might come freely to read, to meditate, to visit and to rest from their useful labors." This hope is now a reality. H. G. Dulaney, a native Texan and a member of Mr. Rayburn's staff since 1951, is the director of the library.

We spent some time in the Speaker's home where we enjoyed visiting with Mr. Rayburn and his sister. We discussed such things as haymaking, cattle, the Democratic Party and libraries—with special reference to the Library Services Act.

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Mr. Rayburn is widely known as "Mr. Speaker" or "Mr. Sam"; but to us he was "Mr. Great" because of his bigheartedness, his understanding of the country's needs and his concern for people. After leaving Mr. Sam's place we stopped for gas at a service

station and engaged the attendant in conversation. He said to us, "Certainly, we love Mr. Sam. He has done a lot for everybody. His enemies can cuss me if they want to, but they mustn't cuss Mr. Sam."

CHALLENGE, 1960

Arkansas Trustee Workshop, April 28, 1960

The Trustee Division of the Arkansas Library Association in cooperation with the Arkansas Library Commission sponsored a one day workshop for library trustees in Little Rock, April 4. The theme of the workshop was CHALLENGE: 1960, a new Decade of Trusteeship.

Prior to the formal program at Coachman's Inn coffee was served at the offices of the Arkansas Library Commission where the Commission trustees and officers of the Trustee Division of the Arkansas Library Association were host and hostess to more than one hundred people who called.

Tom Robinson, chairman, Jonesboro, Mrs. I. C. Ozner, vice-chairman McGehee, and Mrs. Clarence Anthony, secretary, Murfreesboro, are officers of the Trustee Division of the Arkansas Library Association. Mrs. Merlin M. Moore is chairman of the Arkansas Library Commission. Other members are: Miss Pearl Williamson, DeQueen; Mrs. Almon Faught, Jonesboro; Mrs. Jim Merritt, McGehee; Mrs. W. H. McCain, Cotton Plant; John R. Newman, Harrison; Mrs. Lee Martin, Little Rock.

Mr. Robinson called the meeting to order and brought greetings. He introduced Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary and librarian, Arkansas Library Commission. The County and regional library program for the 1950's was reviewed. Reports were heard in regard to buildings, branch libraries, and bookmobiles. Three librarians and their trustees gave

demonstrations of library service during the 1950's.

Buildings — Mrs. D. G. Griffiths, librarian, North Arkansas Regional Library, Harrison, Ark.

BRICK by BRICK — Mrs. Ross Fowler, library trustee and member of Woman's Book Club, Harrison.

Branch Libraries — Mrs. S. E. Amonette, librarian, Southwest Arkansas Regional Library, Nashville.

THEN and NOW — Mrs. Archie Cothren, Mrs. Jake Holland, Mrs. Clarence Anthony, Mrs. William Tobin, Mrs. Nathan Halliday, and L. A. Goyne, trustees.

Bookmobile Service — Miss Eula McDougal, librarian, Crittenden - Mississippi Regional Library.

HIGHWAYS to UNDERSTANDING—Mrs. W. B. Burkett and Mrs. R. H. Evans, trustees.

At the luncheon session Governor and Mrs. Orval E. Faubus, county judges, and presidents of state civic organizations were honored for their contribution to the county library program. One hundred forty-three people attended the luncheon. The Hall Belles, girls ensemble from Hall High School gave a musical program. Reports were given from morning discussions.

In the afternoon Mrs. Moore addressed the group on the Challenge of 1960. Mrs. Moore presented the needs of the county, regional, and state library programs. One need

is financial support for adequate buildings.

J. L. Erwin, judge of Desha county, moved that the Trustee Division of the Arkansas Library Association endorse an amendment in conformity with the law which would permit a county to vote bonds for the construction of a county library. The present amendment permits county bond issue for construction of county court houses, jails, and hospitals. The proposed amendment would add the word library. Mrs. Demetra Barton, Jonesboro, seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. Judge Erwin was asked to draft the proposed amendment with the help of the Legislative Committee of the Arkansas Library Association, Mrs. Almon Faught, chairman.

Miss Odessa Holt, Mount Ida, moved (with a second by Mrs. I. C. Oxner) that the Trustee Division recommend to the Governor and the Legislative Council that a building be provided for headquarters of the Arkansas Library Commission. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Jim Merritt is chairman of the Commission Building Committee and will work with the Legislative Committee on plans for the building. Miss Louise Porter, North Little Rock, suggested the formation of a speaker's bureau to give help with the library program.

The Trustee Workshop was concluded with a book review — The Status Seekers — by Mrs. E. H. Belk, librarian, Garland - Montgomery Regional Library, Hot Springs.

ARKANSAS STATE PAGE*

By Tom Robinson

Chairman, Trustee Section, Arkansas Library Association

Perhaps the most rewarding aspect of serving this year as chairman of the Trustee section has been the privilege of attending in June the International Trustee Workshop in Montreal, Canada, that was sponsored by the American Library TRUSTEE Association and the Canadian Library Association. The theme of the workshop "A New Decade of Trusteeship" was developed into a stimulating and enthusiastic presentation that gave each person a more thorough insight into his duties and responsibilities as a library trustee during the next decade.

The workshop was held immediately preceding and during the joint meeting of the American Library Association and Canadian Library Association, and was the first international meeting of this type ever held. Arkansas was well represented with an entire chartered bus of librarians and trustees attending. Official representatives at the trustee meet-

ings in addition to your chairman were Mrs. I. C. Oxner of McGehee and Mrs. Fletcher McElhannon of Arkadelphia.

In addition to the above delegates, Mrs. Merlin Moore of the Arkansas Library Commission and immediate past president of ALTA attended and took part in many of the programs and presided at the Trustee National Assembly meeting. It was most gratifying to learn that Mrs. Moore has become well known and loved throughout the United States as the goodwill ambassador from Arkansas. She has been a great influence in developing the national library trustee program and has made librarians and trustees of the United States aware of the fine library program that is being offered in her own state.

The most outstanding contributions to the workshop were made by Mrs. Raymond Young, president of ALTA and Mrs. Weldon. Mrs. Weldon

* This material first appeared in the summer, 1960 issue of the bulletin, PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE.

Lynch, chairman of the workshop. Mrs. Young and Mrs. Lynch are well informed trustees. With sparkling personalities and ability to speak forcefully, they charmed their audiences. We would be fortunate to have them attend one of our trustee meetings. Perhaps at our business meeting in October we can decide the best time to invite them to visit our state.

At the request of Mrs. Moore, I was happy to report at the National Assembly meeting on the progress that has been made in Arkansas concerning the relationship between school and public libraries. Mr. George Pace, chairman of the Missouri Library Trustees, made a similar report. It seems that Arkansas and Missouri are the two states that have made the most progress in working out a harmonious relationship between the school and public libraries.

Mrs. Karl Neal, librarian, Arkansas Library Commission, and Mrs. Belle Keith, librarian, Texarkana

Public Library, attended all sessions of the Trustee Workshop. Miss Florene Jordan, librarian, Columbia-Lafayette Regional Library, and Miss Mary Sue Shepherd, librarian, Pulaski County Library, attended the Trustee Workshop Banquet. Miss Shepherd also attended sessions of the ALTA and CLA trustee meeting.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the fine attendance at our state workshop in April. Also special thanks again to the trustees and librarians who took part in the program and helped make it a success. Please remember that our next meeting will be Monday, October 3rd in connection with the Arkansas Library Association convention, at the Marion Hotel, Little Rock. Please make plans to attend. A full report of the Montreal conference will be made at that time.

Arkansas Library Association
Annual Meeting

Hotel Marion, Little Rock, Arkansas
October 2-4, 1960

NEW WING OF OUACHITA COLLEGE LIBRARY BUILDING DEDICATED

The East Wing of Riley Library was formally dedicated in ceremonies at Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, May 22.

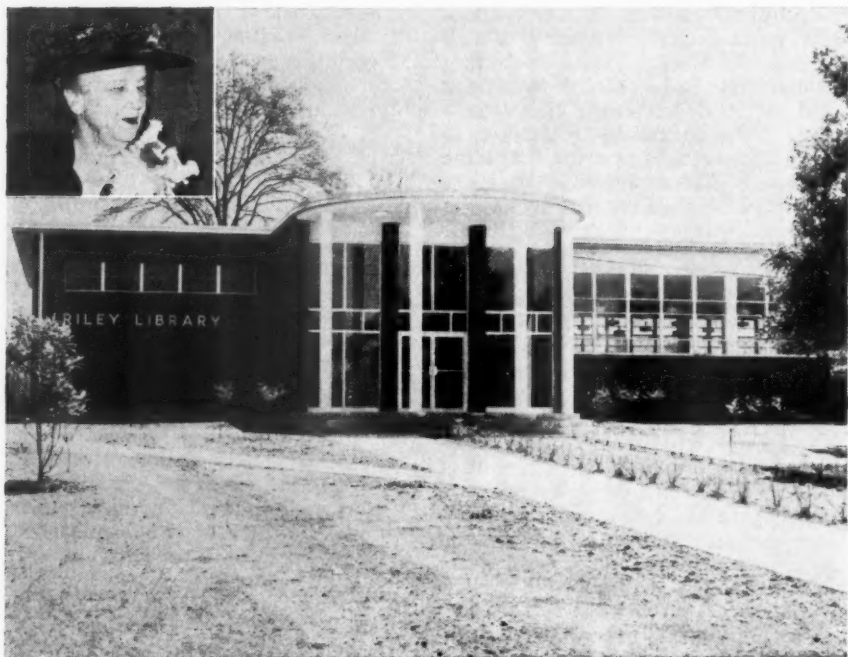
Judge Edward F. McFaddin, associate justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court, gave the dedicatory address commemorating the many contributions made to Ouachita by Miss Emma Riley of El Dorado and Little Rock, whose gift made possible this new addition.

Judge McFaddin recalled that when Riley Library was originally dedicated in 1950 it contained only 25,000 volumes for some 500 students, while the library now contains more than 50,000 volumes used by more than 1,000 students. He said more than 7,000 students had made use of the

library facilities since it had been dedicated.

In emphasizing the permanence of Miss Riley's gifts to the college, Judge McFaddin pointed out that the Flenniken Memorial Student Center, dedicated in 1940, had been given as a memorial to Miss Riley's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Flenniken. He explained that twenty-six of the Riley relatives and in-laws graduated from Ouachita, including Miss Riley, her sister, and two brothers.

Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr., Ouachita president, paid tribute to Miss Riley as personal counselor and lifelong friend of Ouachita. Miss Riley then unveiled the plaque revealing her



RILEY LIBRARY — The erection of this building was made possible by a generous gift of Miss Emma C. Riley, in memory of her parents, William H. Riley and Caroline Sumner Riley of El Dorado, Arkansas, and her brothers and sisters, Albert F. Riley, Mary Riley Flenniken, Joseph W. Riley, Susan Riley Thomas. Erected A.D. 1950.

name as donor of the funds from which the new wing was constructed.

Dr. James Edmondson, vice president of Ouachita, gave the invocation. The Ouachita Male Quartet, consisting of Billy Baugha, Norman Coad, Warren Haley, and Wordy Buckner, sang "Make My Heart a Temple" and "Abide With Me." Dr. Sam C. Reeves, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Arkadelphia and a long-time friend of Miss Riley, gave the dedicatory prayer. Mrs. Juanita Barnett, librarian, presented Miss Riley with a bouquet of roses on behalf of Riley Library.

Present at the dedication, together with many friends of Miss Riley from throughout the state and especially from El Dorado, were board and staff members of the Arkansas Library Commission, including Mrs.

Almon Faight, Mrs. Karl Neal, Miss Freddy Schader, and Mrs. Anne Jackson.

The new wing will add more than 2,000 square feet of floor space. The addition houses the new entrance, the librarian's office, a periodical room, and a circulation lobby which includes the circulation desk, card catalog, information desk, and telephones.

The new entrance faces north, with the old south entrance closed. Books are being charged out and returned to the circulation desk in the main lobby of the new wing. The stacks remain open.

Magazines have been moved from the main reading room to the new periodical room which will house all current periodicals, bound volumes of periodicals of the last 10 years, all

periodical indexes and all newspapers.

The main reading room has been redecorated, with reserve books now housed in the north alcove of the main reading room and a display case for new books now in the space formerly occupied by the card cata-

logs. The old reserve room is now used as a curriculum laboratory, where textbooks and teaching materials are kept for the use of education students. Architect for the East Wing was Bruce Anderson of Little Rock. The cabinetwork and finishing was done by Dick Wolfe of Arkadelphia.

THIRD TIME CHARM — NLW IN ARKANSAS

By Dula H. Reid*

National Library Week for 1960 is now past history, and plans for 1961 are well under way. This article is sort of a personal appraisal of the accomplishments and state-wide activities for 1960. Since each year National Library Week in Arkansas has included more active participation by the people in the community, we feel that we can say the third year has been the best, as a natural growth.

National Library Week began as a promotional idea (and it still is)—to help us reach more people, to create a climate of reading interest, and to stimulate interest in libraries, not just seven days but every day during the year.

Governor and Mrs. Orval Faubus entertained with a beautiful morning coffee at the executive mansion, greeting the members of the Arkansas Library Association, the state citizens committee, and state legislators, county judges, library trustees and librarians. National Library Week really started off this year with enthusiasm.

The presentation of the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award to the Scott-Sebastian Regional Library at Greenwood (with visiting library trustees, friends and librarians gathered to help celebrate) turned the publicity spotlight on the library and library service in a small community.

The state citizens committee for National Library Week, of which Dr. Marshall Steel, president of Hendrix College, was chairman, by the nature of its composition served to stimulate keen interest over the entire state. This committee was made up of 100 men and women chosen with reference to wide geographical representation and various occupational interests. There were educators, industrialists and businessmen, state leaders of civic, professional, and religious organizations, newspaper and broadcasting executives and government officials. These members served on local committees and helped direct the activities.

At the local level the activity was in proportion to the need in the community for a new library, a tax for library support, or interest in some special project. In some cases it reflected the enthusiasm of the local librarian in her effort to get the citizens of the community to come into the library and to develop a reading program.

Each year there is a tremendous amount of national, state, and local publicity for National Library Week. My personal feeling is that all librarians would do well to take advantage of this publicity. Display a valuable collection of books; make awards or recognitions which may be appropriate; develop new reader interest in the types of books which are being

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emphasized at the particular time. This year the area of special interest was teen-age reading, and we had some success in getting the state presidents of the 4H club, FFA groups and other youth groups to serve on the citizens committee in their communities. There was considerable participation in state and local activities by the young people. Jackson County Library honored Joel Anderson, state president of 4-H Clubs, with an open house at the Billingsley Memorial Library, Newport, April 10.

The reports from librarians of the state telling of the observances in each community and enclosing pictures, brochures, and newspaper clippings describing the many functions and activities all over Arkansas, were a joy to read. These reports were most encouraging and definitely showed progress toward our goal of a "better read — better informed America". Some of the pop-

ular observances included: "Open House", selection of "Library Family of the Year", Book Fairs, and various book displays in downtown shops. This report material is being compiled for a scrapbook which may be seen at the Arkansas Library Commission. "Apparently limited time and budgets place no limitation on the efforts of those who look upon NLW as a real opportunity for calling attention to the library's resources" — or, alas! to the lack of them.

As NLW state executive director for 1960, I wish to express my very warm personal thanks to each and every person who helped in any way to make our National Library Week in Arkansas the success you have indicated that you consider it to be. I believe we will all agree that — after three years of NLW promotion — "reading and libraries have assumed a new importance".

DEWEY MEDAL

Dewey Medal, for recent creative professional achievement went to **Harriet E. Howe**, director of the University of Denver School of Librarianship from 1931 until 1950. Miss Howe was cited for her pioneering spirit and leadership in professional training, and her creative administration. Under Miss Howe, the Denver University Library School led the postwar break from traditional library school patterns to establish the foundation for the materials-centered, graduate level curriculum of today.

Among Arkansas alumni of Denver University Library School, who are proud of Miss Howe's accomplishments are:

Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary and librarian, Arkansas Library Commission, Little Rock.

Miss Mary Sue Shepard, librarian, Pulaski County Library, Little Rock.

Miss Florence C. Carmichael, librarian, Hendrix College, Conway.

Mrs. Opal Walters, cataloger, Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway.

LIBRARY SERVICES ACT EXTENDED

The House of Representatives passed by a 190 to 29 vote Monday (Aug. 22) and sent to the White House for the President's signature the Senate version of the Library Services Act extension. (Signed August 31.)

In a parliamentary maneuver, Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn (D., Tex.), called for a suspension of the rules so the Senate approved bill could be brought to the floor for a vote by-passing the House rules com-

mittee which had stalled action on the House bill.

The President's signature on the bill will extend federal aid for rural library service for five years to June 30, 1966.

"Extension of the library Services Act combined with support of libraries promised in the platforms of both parties for the first time in history and the scheduled groundbreaking in October for our new national headquarters building indicate the strides our profession is taking during 1960 and will continue to take in the future," said Mr. David H. Clift, executive director of the American Library Association.

Provisions of the new bill are virtually the same as the original act including a \$7,500,000 federal appropriation to be matched by the states for extension of rural library service. The new version eliminates the carry-over provision for appropriation of funds and puts them on a fiscal year basis.

The bill was steered through forty

minutes of debate with bi-partisan support led by Rep. Carl Elliott, (D., Ala.) and Rep. Stuyvesant Wainright, (R., N.Y.).

All of the Arkansas delegation in the House were present and voted for the extension of the Library Services Act. Telegrams and letters telling of interest in the program were received from Congressmen Alford, Gathings, Harris, Mills, and Trimble.

Their vision of public library service in Arkansas is expressed in a letter from Mr. Gathings: "... One day we will not have any libraries hidden on the top floors of public buildings or located in out-of-the-way rooms poorly lighted and ill-arranged; but that we shall have libraries centered in community meeting places with full facilities and surrounded by gardens and park areas so that the joys of reading and expanding our learning and knowledge shall be a part of our every day living. If this program can, in any part, contribute to making this desire a reality, then this legislation will have been a major achievement."

RECENT ARKANSAS GRADUATES OF LIBRARY SCHOOLS—1960

East Texas State Teacher's College

Mrs. Nannie Katherine Peebles, teacher-librarian, Elementary School, Saratoga.

Miss Edna Sue Walston, librarian, Holy Grove High School.

Louisiana State University

Mrs. Carolyn (Barton) Marriott, Magnolia. Employed in Big Springs, Texas.

Miss Sybil Randolph, Pine Bluff. Employed as librarian, Savannah Public Library.

Mrs. Mary Alice (Pickens) Wood, North Little Rock. Employed at Louisiana State Library, Baton Rouge.

University of Oklahoma

Mrs. Minifred Elizabeth Burrows, Batesville. Present address: Guthrie, Oklahoma.

Peabody Library School

Mrs. Kathryn Nelson Bell, librarian, Smackover High School.

Miss Eleanor Viola Kirks, assistant librarian, Arkansas State College, Jonesboro.

Miss Odessa Elizabeth Vineyard, teacher-librarian, Shirley High School.

Miss Bessie Wallace, assistant librarian, Southern State College, Magnolia.

Texas Woman's University

Miss Virgie Clemons, librarian, Malvern Junior High School.

BOOKS FOR YOU

THE TWO CULTURES AND THE SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION, by Sir Charles Percy Snow. Cambridge University Press, 1959. \$1.75.

This is surely one of the most important books published within the last year. The author has top rating both as scientist and novelist, thus personifying the contrasting viewpoints in western intellectual life about which he speaks and writes with such eloquent understanding.

To close this gulf there is but one way, he believes: "It is, of course, by rethinking our education." About the disparity between rich and poor in the world, he sums it up this way: "Once the trick of getting rich is known, as it now is, the world can't survive half rich and half poor."

"The West has got to help in this transformation. The trouble is, the West with its divided culture finds it hard to grasp just how big, and above all just how fast, the transformation must be. . . . The scientific resolution on the world-scale needs, first and foremost, capital; . . . including capital machinery. The second requirement . . . is men. That is the size of the problem. An immense capital outlay, an immense investment in men, both scientists and

linquists, most of whom the West does not yet possess. . . . If we don't do it, the Communist countries will . . . do it at great cost to themselves and others, but they will do it. If that is how it turns out, we shall have failed, both practically and morally. . . . Are we resigning ourselves to that? History is merciless to failure. In any case, if that happens, we shall not be writing the history . . . Isn't it time we began? We have very little time. So little that I dare not guess at it."

BEEF STEW AND BUTTERCUPS, by Edith Grames Schay. Pulaski Publishing Co. (North Little Rock) 1960. \$1.00.

This pleasing little brochure by one of Arkansas' most proficient poets, will make its claim to a place on the Arkansiana shelf as a "modern version of 'bread and hyacinths'—nourishment for mind and body." The collection is dedicated to homemakers, a fact which should not lessen its appeal to the average feminine reader. Beside some excellently turned verse, the author has included excerpts from her column, "K. P. — Kitchen Philosopher", which originally appeared in the ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT Sunday Magazine.

NEWS NOTES

Mrs. Madison Bryant, head, technical processing department, Arkansas Library Commission, visited the Southwest Missouri Library Services Center at Bolivar, Missouri, May 28, to observe the routines and techniques used there in processing books. Mr. Willard Dennis, president of the center, and his staff explained their system and answered many questions.

55000 books were processed at the Arkansas Library Commission in the past year, more than twice the number processed the previous year. In addition 6000 sets of catalog cards, book pockets and cards were prepared for small public libraries in the state. Four staff positions added last year by the state legislature and additional federal money for books and operational expenses have provided the service.

Mrs. Karl Neal, **Miss Freddy Schader**, and **Miss Jackie Poe**, represented the staff of the Arkansas Library Commission, Thursday, June 9, at Girl's State, sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary at Camp Robinson. Each division of the state government was asked to present the work of that division to the girls. Elections were held and commissions were appointed. **Miss Marilyn Orts**, senior at Hall High School, and summer time employee of the Arkansas Library Commission was appointed executive secretary and librarian of the Arkansas Library Commission. **Marilyn** plans to be a librarian.

Mrs. Jim Merritt, trustee, Arkansas Library Commission, is a director of Girl's State.

Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary and librarian, Arkansas Library Commission has been elected a member of the Executive Committee of the Governmental Relations section of the Library Administration Division of the American Library Association for a two-year term July 1, 1960 —

June 30, 1962. She will participate in developing the program of the section.

Mrs. Alta M. Grim, assistant state librarian, Washington State Library, Olympia, Washington, is chairman of the section on Governmental Relations.

Archie L. McNeal, director of libraries, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida, is the new president of the Library Administration Division of the American Library Association.

Miss Frances Nix has served as consultant for multi-county library units in the federal programs of the Arkansas Library Commission for the second summer. She will assist with workshop for county and regional librarians October 1.

Miss Anita Knowles, Kingsland, has served as bookmobile librarian in Bradley, Calhoun, and Cleveland counties for the third summer. The one-mill library tax was passed in Bradley County in 1956, in Cleveland County in 1958. The measure will be on the ballot in Calhoun County in November.

Miss Ayleen Ragland, Dardanelle, has served as bookmobile librarian at Arkansas River Valley Regional Library for the second summer.

The Arkansas Library Commission is fortunate to have the services of these talented school librarians and teachers during the summer months. During the school year **Miss Nix** is librarian at Hall High School, Little Rock. **Miss Knowles** is librarian at New Edinburgh High School; and, **Miss Ragland** is an elementary school principal in Fort Smith.

Miss Betty Judkins, bookmobile librarian, Arkansas River Valley Regional Library, Dardanelle, was on educational leave this summer to at-

tend Arkansas State Teachers College, Conway, where she was enrolled for courses in library science.

Miss Lucile Slater, librarian, Barton Public Library reports that the **Strong Public Library**, a branch of the Union County Library, located for several years in the Strong High School was moved May 1 to an attractive new location in Strong City Hall. The new library is centrally located and stocked with a collection of good books. City officials cooperated with Miss Slater and members of the library board in securing the new location. Mrs. Marjorie Vestal is clerk in charge of the library. Mrs. Karl Neal, Miss Freddy Schader, and Miss Anne Jackson have visited the library in its new location.

The members of the **Jackson County Home Demonstration Council** were guests of the Jackson County Library Board at a luncheon Friday, April 22 at Newport. New books were used as table decorations. Following the luncheon the group met at the W. A. Billingsley Memorial Library for a discussion of ways to improve library service in the rural areas of the county. As a result of the meeting 1076 books have been placed in towns and communities in the county. Mrs. Mary Jo Aslin is staff member assisting Mrs. Jessie Bach, librarian, with this program. The White River Regional Library bookmobile made demonstration visits to some of these communities during the summer.

Joel Anderson, Jr., Swifton, state president of 4-H Clubs served as a member of the Arkansas NLW Committee and chairman of the Jackson County NLW Committee. He was a delegate to the 1960 White House Conference on Children and Youth in Washington. A reception in his honor marked National Library Week celebration in Newport and Jackson County, at the W. H. Billingsley Memorial Library on Sunday April 10. Many people called to congratulate Joel and to celebrate National Library Week.

Mrs. Karl Neal visited the **Barton Public Library** July 18. She and Miss Lucille Slater, librarian, visited the **Strong Public Library** and the **Huttig Public Library** July 19. At Huttig they were luncheon guests in the home of Mrs. W. H. Guinn, trustee of the library, and Mr. Guinn.

Mrs. Anne Jackson and **Mrs. Marie Pinckney** of the Arkansas Library Commission attended the Dedication of the Children's Building and Nurses Dormitory at **McRae Memorial Sanatorium**, Alexander, Arkansas, on Sunday, the Nineteenth of June.

Mrs. Helen Elrod, librarian, North Little Rock, Arkansas, is the newly elected president of the NLR Business and Professional Women's Club. She attended the biennial convention of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs in Philadelphia in July. Miss Fannie Hardy, assistant insurance commissioner, State Insurance Department, Little Rock, was elected National president of BPW.

John G. Womack, Jr., and **Donald J. O'Hara**, seventeen-year-old nephews of Mrs. Karl Neal, executive secretary, Arkansas Library Commission, are winners of four-year General Motors scholarships to the schools of their choice. John's choice is Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts. Donald has chosen California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, California. John, a graduate of Little Rock Central High School, and Donald, a graduate of Parkview High School, Springfield Missouri, competed with 20,000 high school seniors from all parts of the United States for scholarships awarded to 100 young people.

Miss Freddy Schader, administrative assistant and elementary school library consultant, Arkansas Library Commission, has been asked to serve on the Newberry-Caldecott Awards Committee for the year 1960-61. The invitation to become a member of the committee was issued by Miss Eliza-

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The Annual ASCD Institute was held on the campus of Southern State College in Magnolia, July 18-20, 1960. The theme for the institute was "Improving Balance in the Curriculum." Miss Freddy Schader and Mrs. Anne Jackson, consultants on staff of the Arkansas Library Commission, served as co-chairmen of Group IV. One program for Group IV was planned around "Improving Balance Through Effective Use of the School Library" and the second session was on "Improving Balance by Meeting School Library Standards and Regulations." Miss Florene Jordan, librarian, Columbia - Lafayette Regional Library and Miss Mary Sue Shepherd, librarian, Pulaski County Library, served as resource people and Mrs. George Henry, librarian, Magnolia Junior High School, was the recorder. Dean Whiteside and Harvey Young, State Department of Education, assisted with the program on school library standards.

Mrs. Almon Faught, vice-chairman of the Democratic State Committee of Arkansas, was named by Governor Faubus to represent women of the state on the National Democratic Platform Committee which met in Los Angeles. Mrs. Faught is a member of the Arkansas Library Commission.

J. D. Caskey is new librarian and associate professor of library sciences at Little Rock University, beginning with the academic year 1960-61. Mr. Caskey, formerly librarian at Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, North Carolina, will succeed Mrs. Leonard Caldwell, librarian who has retired after fourteen years' service at LRU. Graduate of Erskine College, South Carolina, he received a master of library science degree from Syracuse University in 1953.

Construction was begun in July on the new headquarters building for

Searcy County Library, at Marshall. It will be of early American design, and will measure approximately 50 x 90 feet. A major part of the funds for construction of the library building has been contributed by Jim G. Ferguson, native of Searcy county who is now an insurance executive in Evanston, Illionis.

Public Library service has been endorsed for support in platform statements of both major political parties this year for the first time in U. S. history. David H. Clift, ALA's executive director, declared that the event is a "momentous occasion for librarians throughout the Nation." Emerson Greenaway, director, Free Library of Philadelphia, Pa., and past president of the American Library Association, presented statements before the platform committees of both parties — the Democratic committee meeting in Salt Lake City (Utah) and the Republican committee in Chicago.

A Carnegie Corporation grant of \$45,000 to the American Library Association has been allotted for financing a project to establish standards for state libraries. Success of the Library Services five-year plan has underlined the uneven development of state library agencies in the United States, and the need for stronger agencies by uncovering other areas in which a state library can serve people of its state directly or indirectly. Dr. Leon Carnovsky, professor of the University of Chicago's Graduate Library School, will direct the project.

The National Education Association in annual conference at Los Angeles voted departmental status to the American Association of School Librarians, a division of the American Library Association, on June 30, 1960. AASL headquarters will remain at the American Library Association building in Chicago, with Miss Eleanor Ahlers as division executive secretary. The action taken in Los Angeles does not confer automatic membership in the NEA on members of AASL.

Miss Ruth Warncke, formerly head of the Library Community Project for the American Library Association in Chicago, has been appointed assistant professor in the School of Library Science at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss La Nell Compton, cataloger, Arkansas Library Commission, Little Rock, attended the 1960 Arkansas Writers Conference held at College of the Ozarks, Clarksville, June 4, 5 and 6. The conference was well attended by practicing writers from Arkansas and neighboring states. Dr. Alfred Dorn of New York University was visiting professor and critic.

Mrs. Anne Jackson, consultant for high school and public libraries, Arkansas Library Commission, was guest speaker at the School Librarians' Workshop at East Texas State College, Commerce, Texas, on June 10th. The workshop was under the direction of Miss Marjorie Walker, high school librarian, Lewisville, Arkansas, who is a member of the summer faculty at E. T. S. C. A large number of school librarians and teachers from several states were registered. Dr. John E. Burke is Director of Library Service at E. T. S. C. **Mrs. Almon Faught** of Jonesboro, member of the Arkansas Library Commission, accompanied Mrs. Jackson to Commerce. She and Mrs. Jackson were honored at a "coffee" in the lounge of the beautiful new library building on Friday morning.

Mrs. Jackson also was invited to attend a School Librarians' Workshop at Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas, August 2-3. She addressed the group on August 2 on "Standards for School Library Programs," and participated in the discussion programs. Mrs. Faught attended the TWU workshop, visited the library school and told the librarians, by request, about the library program in Arkansas. This workshop was under the direction of Travis Tyre, Seminole, Texas. Miss

Genevieve Dixon is director of the TWU Library School. Mrs. Faught and Mrs. Jackson were guests at a reception at the college on the evening of August 2.

Dr. John L. Ferguson was appointed executive secretary of the Arkansas History Commission as of July 1. Ferguson is so sold on Arkansas history himself that even a few moments' conversation with him convinces an individual that the history of Arkansas is as glamorous, romantic, exciting, challenging and vigorous as the European Renaissance. He himself happens to be most fascinated by the Territorial Period of Arkansas (1819-1836) because "it is a period of origins and is perhaps less complex than the eras which have preceded and followed it." Ferguson's own enthusiasm for the state's history is infectious, because 'history isn't something that happened long ago and far away somewhere else, it deals with people and your own families, and is very personal.'

The Book-of-the-Month Club has announced that application forms for the 1961 Dorothy Canfield Fisher Library Awards may now be obtained by interested libraries through the head of their State Library Extension Agency. The Arkansas Library Commission has already sent blanks to public libraries in Arkansas.

Mrs. Raymond A. Young, president, American Library Trustee Association, has announced the appointment of two Arkansas library trustees to national committees of ALTA. **Tom Robinson**, Jonesboro, will serve as a member of the 1961 ALTA Workshop Committee to plan the program for the trustee workshop to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, in July, 1961. **Mrs. I. C. Oxner**, McGehee, has been appointed by Mrs. Young to serve a second year as chairman of the Arkansas ALTA membership committee.

The Honorable Phillip J. Deer, Judge of Mississippi County and ex-

officio member of the Mississippi County Library Board was killed in an automobile accident near Jonesboro Friday, September 9, 1960. He was leader in civic, cultural, and educational programs in Arkansas.

Miss Margaret Hutchison, formerly librarian, Phillips County Library, Helena, has accepted a position as assistant librarian, Madison-Tensas Parish Regional Library, Saint Joseph, Louisiana. **Mrs. Curtis Jeffries** will serve as acting librarian at Phillips County Library.

Miss Marie Harvin, formerly head of the Loan Section of the National Library of Medicine, Washington, D. C. became head librarian at the University of Arkansas Medical Center Library, Little Rock, on August 1. A native of Nacogdoches, Texas, Miss Harvin is a graduate of Peabody Library School, Nashville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Virginia Detloff, formerly head librarian at the University of Arkansas Medical Center Library in Little Rock, is presently employed in the Reference and Bibliography Department of the University of California Medical Center Library at San Francisco.

Mr. L. A. Goyne, chairman, Southwest Arkansas Regional Library Board, died September 5, 1960. He was a friend of libraries in Arkansas.

Dr. Bessie B. Moore, Chairman of the Arkansas Library Commission and Supervisor of Elementary Education of the State Department of Education, spent the summer in New England. After attending the American Library Association meeting in Montreal, Dr. Moore taught a workshop in Children's Literature and Book Selection at White River Junction, Vermont. This was a part of the inservice education program of the State Department of Education of

Vermont. Later she attended the University of Connecticut when she took courses in the field of Reading Instruction and Remediation in Reading.

Dr. Moore also visited Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Greenaway at their summer home in New London, New Hampshire. Mr. Greenaway, Director of the Free Library of Philadelphia, is immediate past president of the American Library Association.

Miss Florence Clayton Carmichael, formerly librarian at Arkansas A. and M. College, Monticello, will assume the position of head librarian, Hendrix College, Conway, with the beginning of the academic year in September.

Thomas David Smith, 21, son of Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Smith of Clarksville, died April 16, 1960, after a long illness. Dr. Smith has retired recently as Dean of the College of the Ozarks after many years of service. Mrs. Smith is librarian of the Clarksville High School and former trustee of the Ozarks Regional Library.

Mrs. Raylene Steelman, who served as librarian at Hendrix College the past year has been designated head librarian at Arkansas A. and M. College, Monticello. Mrs. Steelman had been assistant librarian at Arkansas A. and M. before going to Hendrix as librarian.

Union County Library trustee **J. E. Berry and Mrs. Berry**, of El Dorado, have been on a summer tour of Baptist missions in South America and Africa. While they were waiting for plane connections in Johannesburg, South Africa, some weeks ago, Mr. Berry suffered a heart attack. He is recuperating at Norman Nursing Home, Johannesburg. Mr. and Mrs. Berry hope to return to the United States in October.